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Subject: California UIC Aquifer Exemptions for Existing Oilfields
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Dear Administrator Blumenfeld:

1. Why is one of California's largest employers, the oil industry, being punished by EPA for a **mistake made by a government agency** (Calif. Division of Oil and Gas)?
2. Why is EPA and other government agencies (California State Water Resources Control Board, California Division of Oil and Gas, OAL, RWQCB) imposing a **job-killing emergency regulation** timeline on California's oil industry to try and correct the State government's ineptitude?
3. Why are the **non-exempt aquifers, which are geologically connected to the aquifer's exempted by EPA in 1983**, now suddenly considered US Drinking Waters by EPA?
4. Why doesn't EPA follow common sense, basic science, and the **Code of Federal Regulations in 40 CFR 146.4(b)(1)** and allow these aquifers to be USDW-exempted **immediately while EPA reviews and approves the exemption applications?**
5. Why are **oil-hating special interest groups** such as *Center for Biological Diversity, The Los Angeles Times, Sierra Club, National Resource Defense Council*, and others making **false, malicious, and mean-spirited claims** about damage to aquifers even though there has been no documented damage to an aquifer since the 1983 EPA aquifer exemptions?

As a voting citizen of the State of California I urge you, Administrator Blumenfeld and EPA, to stop the worker layoffs, stop a major decrease in tax revenue to California, and stop over-regulation of an industry that supplies low cost domestic energy to California businesses, the driving public, single-family homes, elementary schools, and hospitals.

I strongly urge EPA to stop this misguided shutdown of jobs related to aquifer exemptions within existing oilfields that are geologically connected to the 1983 aquifer exemption boundaries approved by EPA as allowed by 40 CFR 146.4(b)(1). Why not let the oil industry continue to produce oil, under the current stringent regulations, while the EPA reviews the exemption applications?

Sincerely,

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Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process